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GREETINGS.

With this issue the Kentucky Irish American extends greetings to its readers and patrons, and wishes each and every one a merry Christmas and happy New Year, also that God may prosper and spare each and every one for many returns of this joyous season.

HELPING THE ORPHANS.

The annual collection for the support of the orphans of the Louisville diocese will be taken up at the masses in all the churches on Christmas day. The feast of Christmas is a day of joy and thanksgiving for all the people, and a generous remembrance of these fatherless little ones will bring to the donors a happiness that will be lasting and most needed. The good Sisters of Charity are devoting their lives to the care and education of hundreds of children, and therefore there should be a generous response to Bishop O'Donoghue's appeal to all to "come prepared to contribute according to their means to this worthy cause."

DAY OF JOY.

There are many things to be grateful for, and the dawn of Christmas should find us in spirit at the feet of the Babe of Bethlehem, pouring out our hearts in thanksgiving for the numberless blessings that have been showered upon us during the year. While we are in the midst of joy and thankfulness, let us not overlook the fact that there is an unusual number of poor and needy ones in our city this year. It would not be possible for any person to contribute to all, but each should endeavor to at least select one poor family in his locality and provide something to add to the Christmas cheer of the home of such. Clothing, fuel and food are most acceptable gifts, and there are many and graceful ways to make these gifts. If you have never before tried playing Santa Claus, assume the role this year and see what a world of pleasure and satisfaction you will get out of it. Give for the sake of Him who became a little child to lead men to heaven.

WHERE CREDIT DUE.

Gen. Pershing in his visit here Sunday and Monday made a big hit with the people of Louisville and vicinity, and the consensus of opinion is that he is a typical American leader, one of whom the nation can well be proud. His speeches ring with true Americanism, and what a disappointment there must have been to the pro-English editors of the Courier-Journal when he said that America was entitled to first place in winning the war. Gen. Pershing in his address said that only the American army was willing to take the initial step in advancing at the most dangerous sector in the Argonne at a time when the winning of the war was in the balance. Gen. Pershing said that at a meeting of the Allied Generals none jumped at the chance, and he remarked: "Well, I don't think anybody among the allied armies can put it over, so the Americans will take it."

IMITATION AND REALITY.

We are not greatly interested in the news announcement that the Protestant Episcopal church is to have a "Pope" in this country. The daily papers have given great prominence to the fact and an attempt is made to draw a parallel between the new arrangement of our separated brethren and that of the Catholic church. Some differences are also pointed out, but these are superficial. It has been noted for many years that the Protestant Episcopal church has been imitating Rome in many things. That is the reason, no doubt, as the True Voice intimates, why this move appealed to the newspaper men as another step in the direction of taking over Catholic practices by the Episcopalians. But the writer points out that one striking difference between the Episcopal presiding Bishop and Pope Benedict XV. is that Bishop Gailer (the presiding Episcopal Bishop) is elected only for a term of six years, whereas the occupant of the Vatican throne is elected for life. The writer might also have pointed out Pope Benedict is the successor of St. Peter, who was appointed chief of the Apostles by Christ Himself, while Bishop Gailer is the beginning of his line of presiding Bishops of the council of the Protestant Episcopal church. The Pope derives his au-

thority from the Divine Founder of the Church who instituted the Papacy, while the new presiding Bishop in New York gets his authority from the men who chose him. There is the difference between the religion of Christ and a man-made imitation, and that is very important. Clever imitations that lack the reality are, after all, but clever counterfeits, no matter how close the external resemblance may be, and in this case the resemblance is not very striking, even to the ordinary mind.

MEXICO.

While tension over the Mexican situation is slackening somewhat, the situation in that country itself is not improving. There is still disorder amounting to anarchy across the border. But that condition has prevailed for the past six years with our assistance and approval. We made Carranza by recognizing him after he had ousted Huerta. It ill becomes us now to make war on Mexico just because we imposed a bandit chief on the nation. The people of Mexico should not be punished for Carranza's sins nor for the sins of our own Government in placing him over Mexico.

SAME OLD STORY.

Mayor Smith and the rest of the City Hall and Court House administration were elected to office in 1917 on a "reform" platform, which first of all pledged a low tax rate. This week the "reform" crowd announce that it will be impossible for them to get along on less than a tax rate of \$1.90, which is the highest in the history of the city. "Was ever thus with reform."

WORDS, WORDS.

If fair promises buttered any parsnips, the so-called Irish question would speedily cease to be non-existent. Hardly a day passes that the cables do not inform us of some benevolent British plan in contemplation—always in contemplation—to grant Ireland its meed of freedom. Those rosy proposals are, of course, empty phrases, signifying nothing, and as Arthur Griffith, Vice President of the Irish Republic, told his people a few days since when the latest "plans" were being aired, "Pay no attention to them; don't discuss them; don't bother with them. These proposals are meaningless, and were never intended to be brought into force."

It is amusing, however, to examine some of the public utterances of the British officials. For instance, Lord French, Viceroy of Ireland, who has been entrusted with the British campaign to put down the Sinn Féin "rebellion," is quite in accord with President De Valera, if we would judge by a speech he delivered by his lordship at New Brighton. "We are anxious to give to all classes and denominations of Irishmen full justice, and in so doing we are just to all," said French, "and I appeal to the people of Britain to try to view the Irish situation in a really just manner." The Irish people ask no more than that; "full justice" sums up the demands of the Irish Republic. But of course his lordship was "only talking." It should not be forgotten that his friend, Lloyd George, admitted two years ago that Ireland had been submitted to centuries of "ruthless and often brutal injustice," centuries of "insult and insolence." Perhaps Lord French will advise the Premier to hoist the standard of justice in Ireland—and perhaps he won't.

Let your Christmas gifts be in keeping with the lowly origin of the great feast. It is not the price of the gift that counts, but the sentiment behind it.

The eve of Christmas is a fast day.

SERVICES IN CHURCHES.

In every Catholic church the Feast of Christmas will be celebrated with the utmost splendor and solemnity. The priests are allowed to celebrate three masses on this great day, and in all the diocese the first, a high mass, will be at either 8 or 8:20 o'clock. For weeks choirs have been rehearsing special musical programmes, in which the best singers everywhere will be heard. Christmas is a time of general rejoicing, but we can not make it a day full of joy unless we contribute in some way to the joy of others. This can be best done by doing something for some poor family, especially where there are children. And then there are the orphans, for whom our gifts should be measured only by our means. Those whom God has blessed with an abundance of the world's goods will show love for Christ by being generous in a material way.

COMING EVENTS.

December 21—Christmas entertainment of St. Patrick's school in hall, Sixteenth and Market.
December 22—Turkey disposal by Trinity Council at club house, Baxter and Morton avenues.
January 14—Euchre and lotto, bridge and 500 party and refreshments, for benefit of St. Thomas Orphanage, at Trinity Council Hall.
February 3—Euchre and lotto by St. Anthony's Welfare Club, in hall, Twenty-third and Market.
Buy your wheel tickets at this office.

SOCIETY.

Attorney Emmet O'Neal has returned from a business trip to Danville.

Mrs. James L. Murphy, Jr., left last week to join her husband in Jacksonville, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Riley have returned to Atlanta after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dugan.

Mrs. Matt Thornbury has returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thornbury at New Haven.

Mrs. Walter Connor, of Cincinnati, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. James Clark, on Barringer avenue.

Miss Mayme Dullinger, of Nashville, Tenn., was the guest last week of Miss Viola Sweeney of Third street.

Mrs. Joseph B. Hagan has been visiting at New Haven the guest of Mrs. Bettie Hagan and Mrs. Carl Kirkpatrick.

Miss Frances Tyler McCabe, of Nazareth, has arrived to visit her mother, Mrs. Kathleen McCabe, in the Belvoir.

Mrs. E. M. Sullivan left Sunday for Toledo, having been called there by the illness of her father, Mr. Eugene Philip Henri.

Mrs. John Long, who was operated on at St. Joseph's Infirmary, returned the first of the week to her home on Cherokee drive.

Merlin Hogan, a former star of the Twin City Baseball League, now located in Akron, Ohio, will arrive home today to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Callahan and Miss Patricia Callahan arrived Monday to visit Mr. Callahan's parents, Col. and Mrs. P. H. Callahan.

Edward J. Aud, who has been connected with the Rest and Recreation League in Hammond, Ind., will be home next week for the holidays.

George Kremer, Jr., will return today from Morristown, N. J., to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kremer, during the holidays.

Robert Harpring arrived Thursday from the University of Notre Dame to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Harpring.

John X. Kinberger, who has been located in Seattle the past five years, will arrive home Monday to spend the holidays with family and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bartley and Mrs. Virgil Bartley have returned from New Haven, where they were called by the death of Miss Grace Whelan.

Misses Frances Malone and Elizabeth Malone will return today from Sacred Heart Academy, in New York, to be with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Malone.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dierman announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Claire Marie Dierman, to Burdette T. Challinor. No date has been set for the wedding.

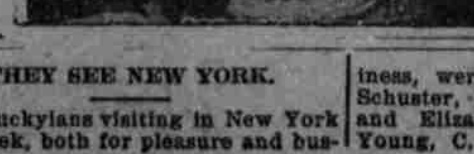
John Francis Dugan will arrive today from the University of Notre Dame, where he is a student, to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dugan.

Visitors from New Haven and Nelson county here last week were Mr. and Mrs. Will Greenwell, Mrs. Florence Dawson, Misses Emma Hagan and Corinne Wimpsett, Mrs. Nick Greenwell, Mrs. Charles Mahoney, Miss Sue Hagan, and Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Johnson.

Lieut. Frank J. Higgins, recently returned from overseas and now stationed at Gary, Ind., spent the first of the week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Higgins, Walter Higgins, of Chattanooga, was also here to visit with his brother.

DEBASING MARRIAGE.

The habit of excessive outlay upon young girls, treating them as objects of ornament and bringing them up in luxurious idleness, runs through every grade of society. The daughter of the blacksmith is as likely to be dressed extravagantly in proportion to his means as that of the millionaire for whom she works. The income which the successful professional man earns by his brains is equal to the interest on a large bulk of capital; it gives him the feeling of affluence. But in rearing his daughter he is apt to wholly forget that his brains die with him. For how many of the pretty, innocent butterflies who brighten our streets today is any provision made to insure them, five years hence, one tithe of the luxuries which they now enjoy? How many of them are qualified to earn their own living? The effect of this cruel neglect in parents strikes deeper than mere poverty. Luxuries are made necessities for the girl. She knows that on the death of her father she will lose them. There is but one way to secure them—marriage with a rich man. There is the secret of the vulgar idea of marriage which is debasing our social life, of the market for women which fashionable society has become; of the voluntary sale of themselves by the prettiest girls of each season to rich old men of the wretched homes, and of the innumerable divorces that and this lamentable history. What is the remedy?



Christmas the Year Around

Sickly babies, neglected children, invalid fathers, widowed mothers, decrepit old folks, the maimed, the halt, the blind, the people of all ages in every sort of trouble that can afflict mankind; black and white; Catholic and Protestant, Jew and Gentile; dwellers in hovel, tenement, shanty and shack; feeling pain and cold and hunger and sorrow even as you would, capable of enjoying pleasure and warmth and good food and joy even as you do; thousands and thousands of them—these, your less fortunate fellow citizens, appeal to you, one of their more fortunate fellow citizens, to help them during 1920.

Laboring in their behalf, making common fight against poverty, disease, vice and crime, twenty-six charities have made wonderful progress. What share will you take in the still greater progress of 1920?

Higher costs of food, supplies and wages, and the necessity of meeting adequately the growing needs of our growing city, have required an increase of 17 per cent over the budgets of 1919, and 36 per cent over the amount actually raised in 1919 (see below). To make possible this increase, everyone who can must give and give liberally. Will you?

Please think of what you would give if each of these charities were to appeal to you separately; then, of what you will give to them altogether. Think of the smiles you will bring to weary faces, the comfort to tired bodies, the courage to those who feel perhaps that no one cares. What will you give to make your Christmas spirit live in their hearts the year around?

We urge that you mail your subscription in at once, so that we and they may know of your intention to help; but your payments may be made at your convenience throughout the year 1920. Your certificate making you "member" from the solicitation of these organizations during 1920, and your quota of Red Cross Christmas Seal, seven for each dollar of your subscription, will be mailed you as soon as we receive your subscription.



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(Numbers at Left of Name Refer to Pictures.)	Amount	Needs Subscribes
GENERAL FUND	1,000.00	1,000.00
1-Associated Charities	1,000.00	1,000.00
2-Babies' Milk Fund Association	1,000.00	1,000.00
3-Catholic Orphan Society	1,000.00	1,000.00
4-Central Purchasing Bureau	1,000.00	1,000.00
5-Children's Free Hospital	1,000.00	1,000.00
6-Children's Protective Association	1,000.00	1,000.00
7-Community Council	1,000.00	1,000.00
8-Consumers' League	1,000.00	1,000.00
9-East End Day Nursery	1,000.00	1,000.00
10-Eleanor Tamm Little Foundation	1,000.00	1,000.00
11-Fresh Air Home	1,000.00	1,000.00
12-House of the Innocent	1,000.00	1,000.00
13-Jewish Welfare Federation	1,000.00	1,000.00
14-Kentucky Child Labor Association	1,000.00	1,000.00
15-Kentucky Children's Home Society	1,000.00	1,000.00
16-Kentucky Humane Society	1,000.00	1,000.00
17-King's Daughters' District Nurse Association	1,000.00	1,000.00
18-King's Daughters' Home for Incapables	1,000.00	1,000.00
19-Louisville Anti-Tuberculosis Association	1,000.00	1,000.00
20-Louisville Welfare House	1,000.00	1,000.00
21-Nichols' Home	1,000.00	1,000.00
22-Preston-Teacher League	1,000.00	1,000.00
23-Pythian Settlement House	1,000.00	1,000.00
24-Presbyterian Colored Mission	1,000.00	1,000.00
25-Psychological Clinic	1,000.00	1,000.00
26-Salvation Army Citadel	1,000.00	1,000.00
27-School of Social Work	1,000.00	1,000.00
28-Social Service Exchange	1,000.00	1,000.00
29-Susan Reed Davis Home	1,000.00	1,000.00
30-Town Council Mission	1,000.00	1,000.00
31-Welfare League Office Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00
Other organizations	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total	330,000.00	330,000.00

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THEY SEE NEW YORK.

Kentuckians visiting in New York last week, both for pleasure and business, were Mr. and Mrs. John Schuster, Misses Kathleen Mulligan and Elizabeth Headley, James C. Young, C. I. Schindler, W. B. Mc-

Ferran, J. I. Seidemann, G. H. Johnson, James P. Thompson, J. B. Lau-son, F. F. Anderson and J. A. Hul-

The total membership of the Daughters of Isabella, fast becoming a great order for women, now numbers over 40,000.